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I am a family friend of The Ortiz Family, and have seen them shattered due to their son's (Akov) mistake during his adolescent years. I have also seen this anguished family continue to serve our country and become admirable citizens of this nation. Their Son Ashley Kay Ortiz Velazquez served 20 years in the US Navy as Petty Officer; Daughter Jennifer Ortiz Velazquez, USA Navy, Petty Officer of 16 years, Both whom have served our great nation multiple times in Irak and Afganistan, defending our freedom. Akov Ortiz, being a young boy, an adolescent at the time of sentencing was given 47 years. My purpose for this note is to appeal kindly to your rationing as professionals and humans, many of you parents as myself. Please consider that a 47 years sentence is a lifetime for this beautiful family who wish to have Akoc back with them sharing family holidays together sharing hugs and kisses, the little things that we take for granted.. As a friend of the Ortiz' Family, I understand (so do they) that their young boy made a terrible decision as a young, ignorant child. However, He is now an adult and have had many years confined to think, and be remorseful of his wrong doing. Seeing him in prison is a toll to the entire family and good friends. I kindly ask for clemency, and pray that you find forgiveness for Akov's action during in his youth. Considering all this, his mistake as a young boy of less than 18 at the time, the family's anguish and suffering not to mention myself, I politely pray that you will consider a decision for an early release. Thank you kindly for considering this case and considering the pain and anguish the family is going through and considering an early release.

Sincerely,
Nancy Cotto

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Ortiz' Family Friend